

## Message Text

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SUBJECTC US JAPAN ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS ON LATIN AMERICA

REF: STATE 212939

EMBASSY SUGGESTS FOLLOWING TWO ISSUES BE RAISED IN  
SUBJECT MEETING:

1. CARIBBEAN COOPERATION. ONE QUESTION THAT OCCURS TO  
US IS JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN THE CARIBBEAN COOPERATIVE  
DEVELOPMENT EXERCISE. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION WE  
HAVE, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HAS PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSIONS,  
BUT MADE NO SUBSTANTIAL COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES.  
GIVEN THEIR STRONG ECONOMIC SITUATION AND THE FACT THAT  
THEY EARN A SUBSTANTIAL SURPLUS ON THEIR TRADE WITH THE  
CARIBBEAN, WE SHOULD PRESS THEM TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING.  
THE VENEZUELAN ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN MORE JAPANESE  
COOPERATION IN THIS AREA.

2. DEVELOPMENT OF ORINOCO HEAVY OIL. THE JAPANESE  
HAVE REPORTEDLY OFFERED TO FINANCE A \$1 BILLION PILOT  
PLANT TO PRODUCE AND PROCESS HEAVY OIL FROM THE ORINOCO  
BELT (SEE CARACAS 2103). WHILE THE OFFER HAS BEEN REFERR-  
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ED TO REPEATEDLY BY GOV OFFICIALS, FEW DETAILS ARE  
AVAILABLE. IT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO KNOW HOW SERIOUS  
IS THE JAPANESE OFFER, WHAT THE OFFER ENTAILS, AND WHAT  
HAS BEEN THE RESPONSE FROM THE VENEZUELAN.  
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